New Hampshire State Board of Education Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH. Tom Raffio presided as Chairman.

Members present: Tom Raffio, Cindy C. Chagnon, Bill Duncan, Gary Groleau, Helen G. Honorow, Gregory Odell (arrived at 9:25 a.m.), and Emma Rous. Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education, was present. Virginia M. Barry had to attend a Department of Education Budget Hearing and arrived at the meeting 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Helen Honorow led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM IV. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. <u>Update on Charter Schools</u> Chairman Raffio said that there were two charter school items on this agenda. One is a new application for a charter school and the other is an amendment to the location.
- 1. <u>Charter School Matrix</u> Bill Duncan and Helen Honorow reported on the system for electronic submission of required charter reports that is being worked on. Keith Burke distributed a snapshot of what two of submission screens could look like. One of the benefits would be that charter schools would have a simplified standardized way to submit all required reports and the State Board and the Department would have an easy way to access the reports. Commissioner Barry will review the idea and then Bill, Helen, and Keith will meet again on this issue.
- B. <u>Discussion on Strategic Items Goals</u> Chairman Raffio said that one of the strategic items should be the evaluation of charter schools.

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C. Miscellaneous

- 1. <u>Position Statement on International Education and Exchange</u> Deputy Commissioner Leather reported that the statement on International Education and Exchange is ready for schools and districts to review and should be ready for the December 16th meeting.
- 2. <u>Vermont State Board of Education Statement on Assessment</u> Board members decided that Bill Duncan will draft a letter for the Board to review to the Vermont State Board of Education on this topic that New Hampshire has taken a different position.
- 3. <u>Education Day</u> Chairman Raffio said that Cindy Chagnon will represent the Board at Education Day at the hockey game on Wednesday. The Teacher of the Year and other educators will be there and will learn about hockey.
- 4. Op Ed Chairman Raffio said that Bill Duncan prepared an Op Ed regarding achieving higher standards in schools.

AGENDA ITEM V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

White Mountain Regional High School Mentoring Program – Harry Α. Fensom, Superintendent of Schools for SAU #36 and Beth Fowler, Director of North Country Class, met with the Board. Beth explained that this Mentoring Partnership was created to support teachers new to the district and profession. The goal of this program is to build teacher capacity and retention through embedded and directed staff development in a supported collegial relationship. Combining the skills of the professionals that excel in pedagogy and or curriculum with less experienced teachers provides learning and growing experiences for each. Through the consulting, coaching, and collaborating continuum the mentoring pair focuses both on the individual teacher needs and district goals in the interest of obtaining higher student outcomes. The Mentoring Partnership is a district effort that takes not only qualified and experienced teachers but support at the building and district level. While there is a strict level of confidentiality between the mentor/mentee pair, administration can meet with the pair to express areas of concern or opportunities. If the administration has a concern around the performance of a teacher, he/she may choose to work directly with the pair around supports and strategies for professional growth.

Teacher(AT)/Monadnock Regional School Board – SB-FY-14-06-B. 019 - Chairman Raffio asked the parties if they would like the hearing held in public or nonpublic session. They elected to hold the hearing in public session. Allmendinger, Esq., representing the Teacher. O'Shaughnessy, Esq., representing the Monadnock Regional School Board, were present. Dick Thackston, Monadnock School Board Chairman, Dr. Leo Superintendent of Schools, and Karen Craig. Corriveau. Superintendent of Schools, were in the audience. A request for a hearing by the State Board on behalf of the Teacher was received on June 27, 2014. The Teacher appealed the Monadnock Regional School Board's determination relative to Teacher Non-Renewal based on a reduction in force. Jurisdiction lies with the Board pursuant to RSA 21-N:11,III and RSA 189:14-b. This case, as well as another Monadnock Teacher non-renewal matter, was combined on appeal by the Hearing Officer because they involved the same issue. Each Attorney presented testimony.

MOTION: Gregory Odell made the motion, seconded by Cindy,

Chagnon, that the State Board of Education accept the Hearing Officer's Report, reject the Hearing Officer's Recommendation and remand it back to the local school

district for further consideration.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: - Helen Honorow – No; Bill

Duncan - No; Tom Raffio - Yes; Cindy Chagnon - Yes; Gregory Odell - Yes; Gary Groleau - Yes; Emma Rous -

Yes.

C. <u>Teacher(CC)/Monadnock Regional School Board – SB-FY-14-06-018</u> - This case, as well as the above Monadnock Teacher non-renewal matter, was combined on appeal by the Hearing Officer because they involved the same issue. Each Attorney presented testimony.

MOTION: Gregory Odell made the motion, seconded by Cindy,

Chagnon, that the State Board of Education accept the Hearing Officer's Report, reject the Hearing Officer's Recommendation and remand it back to the local school

district for further consideration.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: - Helen Honorow – No; Bill Duncan – No; Tom Raffio – Yes; Cindy Chagnon – Yes;

Gregory Odell – Yes; Gary Groleau – Yes; Emma Rous –

Yes.

Early Childhood Education for Department of Education – Mary D. Earick from the Department spoke to the Board about the Early Childhood Education program the Department is involved in. Under Commissioner Barry's leadership Early Childhood Education will continue to be a priority in New Hampshire. I have a few points to share with you about where we are at this stage. Jean Briggs-Badger has been on board and is now serving as an Early Childhood liaison in the State of New Hampshire focusing on K-3 literacy in conjunction with several technical assistance groups. Jean Briggs-Badger will also be convening an early childhood work group. This is to insure that we are in close communication with the field and that we are responsive to their needs. In partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services we submitted a pre-school development grant and central to this grant is an early childhood leadership academy that spans through grade three. Title I in 2013 and 2014 supported just under one million dollars in voluntary pre-K extended kindergarten and family engagement programs. I'm predicting that the figure will be 1.2 million in 2014-2015. New Hampshire is represented on three national early childhood leadership technical assistance teams -The Center for Enhanced Learning outcomes for CELO – and two others. New Hampshire this year assisted CELO in developing leadership strategies that were published in Wise Ways and will be discussed nationally. In addition, we serve on the National Early Education Research group. They are at Rutgers University. The National Association for Title I Directors is now disaggregating how they discuss and present effective strategies for K-3. New Hampshire's work in this area has also caused the National Education group to rethink how it publishes their documents annually. In the past, New Hampshire was looked at as having no investment in early childhood education by their standards. Through our work with NEER they recognize that the federal funding in Title I is a valid support system and so nationally we will not be looked at as not being advocates for early childhood education.

Early Child Initiative Program in Coos County – White Mountain Community College - Kathryn Keene from the White Mountains Community College in Berlin NH presented a power point presentation on the work that is being done in Coos County with early childhood education and the efforts to get the various groups involved to work collaboratively to better provide services and to have children better prepared by the time they are ready for preschool and kindergarten. The program is working with other local and regional partners to create an environment in which Coos County will have highly trained qualified professionals and strong organizations working together in coordinated systems to support children, ages 0-5, over a minimum of five years. The goal is to create an environment where we can increase the number of children who are thriving physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially and are "ready to learn" upon entering the public school system.

Student/Nashua School Board - SB-FY-13-04-005 - Recommend Ε. Dismissal - The Hearing Officer recommends that the District's Motion to Dismiss be granted and the case be closed. Helen Honorow said there had been plenty of outreach to the Parent and Student. Mark Conrad, Superintendent of Schools for SAU #42, was present.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Cindy

Chagnon, that the State Board of Education vote to accept the Hearing Officer's Report and adopt the Hearing Officer's

Recommendation.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary

> Groleau - Yes; Gregory Odell - Yes; Cindy Chagnon - Yes; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan – Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

Teacher/Farmington School Board – SB-FY-14-08-004 – Motion for Hearing/Rehearing - James Allmendinger, Esq., Attorney for the Teacher; Peter Phillips, Esq., Attorney for the Farmington School Board; Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools for SAU #61; and the Teacher, were present. Chairman Raffio asked the parties if they would like this hearing held in public or nonpublic session. They elected to hold it in nonpublic session.

MOTION: Emma Rous made the motion, seconded by Cindy Chagnon,

to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary

> Groleau - Yes; Gregory Odell - Yes; Cindy Chagnon - Yes; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan- Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

MOTION: Emma Rous made the motion, seconded by Gary Groleau,

to come out of nonpublic session.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary

> Groleau - Yes; Gregory Odell - Yes; Cindy Chagnon - Yes; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan- Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Cindy

> Chagnon, that the State Board of Education table this item to the December 16, 2014 Board meeting to allow the State

Board an opportunity to consult with Counsel.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

MOTION: Gregory Odell made the motion, seconded by Cindy

Chagnon, that the Minutes for the Teacher/Farmington School Board – SB-FY-14-08-004 – be sealed for sixty days.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

G. Approval of Professional Educator Preparation Programs

1. New England College – A site visit was conducted in March 2011 to review expiring programs at New England College. All programs were given full approval, with the exception of Social Studies Education. On April 24, 2014, a site visit was held to address previously unmet standards in a conditionally approved program (Social Studies) and ensure that substantive changes in another program (School Principal) ensured that the program continued to meet all certification standards. The review therefore did not incorporate the broader new program approval standards. Dr. Debra Nitschke-Shaw, Associate Dean of Education; John O'Connor, Dean of Undergraduate Programs; and Laura Rogers, Director of Guidance, Goffstown High School, Program Reviewer, were present and spoke briefly on this item. Based on the final report, the Council for Teacher Education made the following recommendation.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education grant full approval for Social Studies for Grades 5-12 (Ed 612.28) through August 21, 2018 and School Principals (Ed 614.04) through August 31, 2016 for the professional educator preparation programs at New England College to coincide with the expiration date of the College's other programs.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

2. New Hampshire Institute of Art – On June 13, 2014, a site visit was held to review proposed substantive changes in the Visual Arts Education program to ensure it continues to meet program approval standards. The proposed substantive changes entails converting the program from a Bachelor's Degree program leading to certification to a Master's Degree level program leading to certification. Suzann Canali, Director of Master of Arts in Art Education, Alison Williams, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Rick Strawbridge, Interim President, Executive Vice President from the Institute, and Marcia McCaffrey, Arts Consultant for the Department and Program Reviewer,

were present and spoke briefly on this item. Based on the final report, the Council for Teacher Education made the following recommendation.

MOTION:

Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Gregory Odell, that the State Board of Education grant full approval for the Visual Arts Education (Ed 612.01) professional educator preparation program at New Hampshire Institute of Art through August 31, 2016, to coincide with the expiration date approved for the Institute at the State Board's August 2014 meeting.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

3. <u>Saint Anselm College</u> – A site visit was conducted in March 2011 to review expiring programs at Saint Anselm College, which were subsequently recommended for full five-year approval. St. Anselm College requested the review of a proposed new program in Life Science (7-12) Education, building on its other currently fully approved programs in science education. The proposed new program was reviewed by an out-of-state reviewer during a focused one-day visit on April 3, 2014. Dr. Laura Wasielewski, Director of Teacher Education; and Dr. Dottie Bauer, Professor, Keene State College and also the Review Co-Chair, were present and spoke briefly on this item. Based on the final report, the Council for Teacher Education made the following recommendation.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen Honorow, that the State Board of Education grant three-year provisional approval to the Life Sciences for Grades 7-12 (Ed 612.25) professional educator preparation program at

Saint Anselm College through August 31, 2017.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

4. <u>Schedule of Professional Preparation Program Approval Expirations</u> – Virginia Clifford, Administrator, Bureau of Credentialing for the Department, spoke to this item. The new Ed 600's were approved on March 22, 2013, providing comprehensive changes in the program approval process and criteria. A moratorium was put on program approval site visits during academic year 2013-14 due to the revision to enable planning all aspects of the new review process, providing training for all institutions of higher education in the new process, and planning to conduct an intensive pilot of all approved programs at an institute of higher education in March 2014. The pilot has been

conducted, IHEs oriented, and steps taken for including out-of-state reviewers on review teams. Plans are being made to engage the Council for Teacher Education in beginning the process of reviewing annual reports now required of all IHEs. The annual report review is intended to ensure unmet standards are addressed in a full and timely manner and to support continuous program improvement. The State Board recommended approval extensions for twelve IHEs at the August 2014 meeting and requested two additional IHEs return to the Board for further discussion. As a result, the Council is requesting that the Board grant the extension indicated for the two Institutions of Higher Education; namely, Keene State College and Franklin Pierce University.

MOTION: Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan,

that the State Board of Education grant the following program approval expiration dates: Keene State College August 31, 2021 and Franklin Pierce University August 31,

2021.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

Helen Honorow asked if it were possible to include selectivity/alignment data in the annual reports to give assurance that things are going as the Board wants them to be going. Commissioner Barry said it may be possible to do that through the annual report. We did meet with the IHE group two weeks ago. Plymouth, Keene and UNH have national accreditation but the national accreditation itself is a concern in that the shifting of thinking is about the selectivity of the students being admitted to institutions. I just came back this week from a meeting with Jim Cibulka who is the President of CAEP. We just started to broach that subject with the IHE's making a determination not, that the state would in any way determine, for example, who they select, that is totally in the hands of the institution, but if the students, for example, were a deficit in mathematics in their high school curriculum what would an institution do not to accelerate their skills. We are not using the terminology "remediate" but to accelerate that student to insure that before that student takes methodology classes they do, in fact, have the preparation to handle the concepts of mathematics. The other area that is concerning to the Superintendents who also attended this meeting is the alignment of the programs with the state priorities and that there is a huge concern that students are graduating with a vast gap in understanding reform efforts such as the higher standard, data literacy, and others. We haven't had a chance to really talk about it so obviously there is a lot of questions in those two areas, but there is a possibility that if the Board would recommend in the annual report that institutions would report their progress in terms of how they select students, how they plan on making sure the students have the content knowledge and have to show evidence of that because we will

be incorporating that in the approval process and we will be making changes. I think that is a good idea if the Board would recommend that. I'll bring that back to the group. I attended a very important session this week at the Chief State School Officers meeting. There was a whole day conversation that evolved on states in terms that reciprocity will be disadvantaged if they are not looking at the selectivity of the students entering into the profession and the deeper conversation about reciprocity with CAEP is going to enable an institution to insure their students can get employed if they have reciprocity. Reciprocity was eliminated within the last ten years within a lot of states even with interstate compacts but now it is becoming a national concern and selectivity is the number one concern of the states.

MOTION:

Helen Honorow made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan, that the State Board of Education acknowledge the annual reports submitted by the institutions which would include the selectivity of the students and a data outline that Commissioner Barry mentioned. The recommendations would be submitted by the Council for Teacher Education, the Professional Standards Board and the IHEs.

VOTE:

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board present, with the Chairman voting.

H. Charter Schools

Approval of New Charter School Application – Stem in the 1. Middle Charter School – Richard LaSalle, Executive Director for Southeastern Regional Service Center, spoke on this new charter school application. The following Superintendents were present: Marjorie Chiafery from Merrimack, Amanda Lecaroz from Pelham, Nathan Greenberg from Londonderry, Winfried Feneberg from Windham, and Chip McGee, Bedford Superintendent. STEM in the Middle Charter School will provide excellence in STEM education to middle school learners (grades 5-8) and to adults who support them in their projectbased learning environment that encourages inquiry, discovery, creative problem solving, collaboration and demonstration of learning. This proposal represents an opportunity for SERESC to work in partnership with community and educational leaders to develop a unique learning opportunity for middle school learners in New Hampshire. This proposal is routed in the best middle level educational practices and infused with a strong focus on STEM. The school would be located at the former Brentwood School in Merrimack. Board members expressed concern regarding preferential treatment regarding students attending the charter school. Dr. LaSalle indicated he would look into the enrollment policy and get back to the Department.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan,

that the State Board of Education authorizes the STEM in the Middle Charter School application to move forward opening in 2016-2017 school year with 99 students and for

up to 120 students.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary

Groleau – Yes; Gregory Odell – Yes; Cindy Chagnon - Yes; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan- Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

2. Approval of Charter School Amendment – Campus Location Change – Making Community Connections Charter School (MC2) – Commissioner Barry said a vote is needed by the Board in order to authorize a change in the second MC2 campus location from Newport to the Monadnock area (high school site). By changing the campus location, MC2 will have the ability to serve students in grades 9-12 in the Monadnock region. If authorized, MC2 plans to launch a new high school site for the growing number of Surry Village Charter School 8th grade graduates seeking high school options. The original intention, stated in the authorized Charter, was to open one high school in Manchester and one middle school in Newport. However, community support and interest was not strong enough to move forward in Newport.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan,

that the State Board of Education authorizes the Making Community Connections Charter School to change the second campus location from Newport to the Monadnock

area.

VOTE: This was done by a roll call vote: Emma Rous – Yes; Gary

Groleau – Yes; Gregory Odell – Yes; Cindy Chagnon - Yes; Tom Raffio – Yes; Bill Duncan- Yes; Helen Honorow – Yes.

AGENDA ITEM VI. NEW DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

There was no New Department Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM VII. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

There were no Legislative Issues at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Barry reported on the following items:

- 1. She is Co-Chair of a National Group on early childhood education.
- 2. Recently there was a meeting held with about 100 higher education people in attendance to discuss issues concerning the higher education institutions in shifting the way of thinking about selectivity of the students being admitted to institutions.
- 3. The Department received a waiver for the Business Administrator position.

Paul Leather reported that Commissioner Barry and he attended the CCSSO conference in San Diego last week. Much of the conference was focused on assessment and accountability models, with NH as one of the featured states. Commissioner Barry met with Secretary Duncan and received very positive signs regarding our request for a mini-waiver for a pilot for accountability. We also received a verbal approval that we will receive funding to extend the NH Story of Transformation into a piece on NH's future in education, working with 2Revolutions. This will help us in our work in building the next chapter.

Bill Duncan reported on the status of the New Hampshire Fund for Public Education - the "innovation fund" - Adam Rubins from 2Revolutions presented to the Board and the New Hampshire Coalition for Business and Education several months ago. He said that the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation have provided investigation and planning grants for the Fund.

Chairman Raffio said that the Business and Education Coalition has been meeting on a regular basis. The BIA President has met with this Coalition and the BIA has taken a position that there could be more economies of scale among school districts.

AGENDA ITEM IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM X. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of October 9, 2014 Meeting

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan,

to approve the Minutes of October 9, 2014.

VOTE: This motion was adopted by a 5-0 vote with Emma Rous and

Gregory Odell abstaining.

Notes of the October 13, 2014 Public Hearing on Ed 318,
 Chartered Schools and Ed 319, Open Enrollment Schools – A vote

was not required on these notes.

C. Notes of State Board Retreat on October 29, 2014

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Bill Duncan,

to approve the Notes of State Board Retreat on October 29,

2014.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

D. <u>Appointment to Home Education Advisory Council – Attorney Barrett M. Christina</u> – In accordance with RSA 193-A:10, members of the Home Education Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education based upon nominations submitted by the various organizations represented on the Council. The Department is requesting the Board approve the re-nomination of Barrett M. Christina to serve on the Home Education Advisory Council. Mr. Christina currently serves on the Council and represents the New Hampshire School Boards Association. The three-year term expired on June 30, 2014.

MOTION: Gregory Odell made the motion, seconded by Cindy

Chagnon, that the State Board of Education approve the renomination of Barrett M. Christina to serve on the Home Education Advisory Council for a three-year term expiring on

June 30, 2017.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

E. <u>Tuition Contract Between Hooksett School District and Pinkerton Academy</u> – The Hooksett School District does not maintain a public high school. Pinkerton Academy is an approved public academy by the Board and is willing to accept Hooksett students on a tuition basis. Approval of this contract will permit high school students, who reside in the Hooksett School District, to receive a public education at Pinkerton Academy at Hooksett's expense for the period of one year commencing on July 1, 2015. The parties may mutually agree to extend the agreement for such successive years as the parties may agree.

MOTION: Gregory Odell made the motion, seconded by Cindy

Chagnon, that the State Board of Education approve the Tuition Contract between the Hooksett School District and

Pinkerton Academy.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

F. <u>Bridgewater and Hebron School Districts Withdrawal Study Committee Report</u> – A vote is needed by the Board to accept the report of the Bridgewater and Hebron School District Withdrawal Study Committee from Newfound Area School District and place the report on file. Since the report of the committee is that Bridgewater and Hebron will not be seeking a separation from SAU #4, Newfound School District, the Board's acceptance of the report will complete the withdrawal study process. The report will be placed in the Department's SAU #4 school district file.

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen

Honorow, that the State Board of Education accept the report of the Bridgewater and Hebron School District Withdrawal Study Committee and place the report on file.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

AGENDA ITEM XI. TABLED ITEMS

There were no Tabled Items at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM XII. NONPUBLIC SESSION

The Board went into Nonpublic Session under Special Presentations.

AGENDA ITEM XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Cindy Chagnon made the motion, seconded by Helen

Honorow, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

VOTE: The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board

present, with the Chairman voting.

Virginia M. Bury

Secretary